

REMARKS

Claims 16-30 are now pending herein.

Applicant's attorney, Mr. Winarski, thanks Examiner Vidwan for the courtesy of the interview conducted on May 9, 2006. Applicant's attorney argued that that the cited references did not disclose that the connecting direction between the adapter body and the card receiver is orthogonal to the connecting direction between the adapter body and the compact memory card as claimed by applicants in newly presented claim 16. Agreement was reached with respect to newly presented claim 16 concerning the Harari and Mizutani references subject to a further prior art search on this point.

The Amendments to the claims are supported by the specification at: page 7, lines 17-23; page 9, lines 18-24; page 11, lines 3-13, and Figures 4 and 5.

1. Claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Harari et al. U.S. Patent 5,887,145. Claims 1 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 16 and new claim 25 are most like old claims 1 and 10.

Harari discloses a removeable mother/daughter peripheral card. Harari's daughter card inserts into the mother card in the same axial direction as the mother card inserts into the host system; see Figure 1 with connectors 212, 12, 14, and 24. Thus, Harari does not disclose that the connecting direction between the adapter body and the card receiver is orthogonal to the connecting direction between the adapter body and the compact memory card as claimed by

applicants.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Harari does not disclose all elements of applicants' claimed invention and therefore is not a proper basis for a §102 rejection of applicants' claims. Nor is there any disclosure or teaching in Harari which would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of claims 16 and 25, are respectfully requested.

2. Claims 2-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Harari and Mizutani et al. U.S. Patent 5,777,275. Claims 2-15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 17-30 are most like old claims 2-15.

As discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 10, Harari's daughter card inserts into the mother card in the same axial direction as the mother card inserts into the host system; see Figure 1 with connectors 212, 12, 14, and 24. Thus, Harari does not disclose that the connecting direction between the adapter body and the card receiver is orthogonal to the connecting direction between the adapter body and the compact memory card as claimed by applicants.

Mizutani does not disclose what is lacking in Harari. Mizutani discloses a bendable circuit board. Mizutani is silent as to how a daughter card can connect to a mother card. Thus, Mizutani does not disclose that the connecting direction between the adapter body and the card receiver is orthogonal to the connecting direction between the adapter body and the compact memory card as claimed by applicants.

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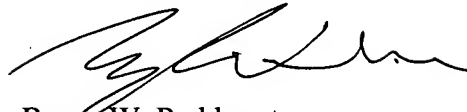
For all of the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in either of Harari or Mizutani that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in either Harari or Mizutani that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicant's claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection of claims 17-30 and allowance of the same are therefore respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28971.2183). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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